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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1 and 14 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Griswold et al. (US-2003/0156566). Claims 1-8 and 10-18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Katz et al. (US-2006/0291455). In order to more clearly define the invention, independent Claims 1 and 14 have been amended to recite that detection of user movement between a coverage area of said wireless local area network and a coverage area of said public mobile land network is accomplished by comparing a first routing area identifier associated with said public mobile land network and a second routing area identifier associated with said wireless local area network. The basis for this recitation can be found in the instant specification on pages 9 and 10.

U.S. Publication 2003/0156566 to Griswold et al. relates to an internet working of a WLAN with a cellular system. Nowhere does the reference show or suggest:

"wherein detection of user movement between a coverage area of said wireless local area network and a coverage area of said public mobile land network is accomplished by comparing a first routing area identifier (RAI) associated with said public mobile land network and a second routing area identifier (RAI) associated with said wireless local area network.",

as specifically recited in Claim 1.

Furthermore, nowhere does Griswold et al. teach or suggest the step of:

"detecting user movement between a coverage area of said wireless local area network and a coverage area of said public mobile land network by comparing a first routing area identifier (RAI) associated with said public mobile land network and a second routing area identifier (RAI) associated with said wireless local area network.",

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as specifically set forth in Claim 14. It is therefore clear that Griswold et al. does not affect the patentability of Claims 1 and 14.

Cited U.S. Patent Publication 2006/0291455 to Katz et al. relates to an interface between PLMN and non-PLMN networks. Non-cellular devices attempting to access PLMN networks through non-PLMN networks appear as cellular devices to the PLMN network. Nowhere does the reference show or suggest:

"wherein detection of user movement between a coverage area of said wireless local area network and a coverage area of said public mobile land network is accomplished by comparing a first routing area identifier (RAI) associated with said public mobile land network and a second routing area identifier (RAI) associated with said wireless local area network.",

as specifically recited in Claim 1.

Furthermore, nowhere does Katz et al. show or suggest:

"detecting user movement between a coverage area of said wireless local area network and a coverage area of said public mobile land network by comparing a first routing area identifier (RAI) associated with said public mobile land network and a second routing area identifier (RAI) associated with said wireless local area network.",

as specifically recited in Claim 14.

It is therefore clear that the patentability of Claims 1 and 14 is not affected by the cited reference to Katz et al.

Claims 2-13 are dependent from Claim 1 and set forth further advantageous features. The Applicants submit that these subclaims are patentable as their parent Claim 1.

Similarly, Claims 15-18 are dependent from Claim 14 and set forth further advantageous features. The Applicants submit that these subclaims are patentable as their parent Claim 14.

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Claim 9 has been rejected as unpatentable over Katz et al. in view of Lundin (US-2004/0037269). Lundin relates to an interworking arrangement in which a mobile station requests a given level of quality of service. The network provides a level of quality of service, depending on several factors. Nowhere does Lundin show or suggest:

"wherein detection of user movement between a coverage area of said wireless local area network and a coverage area of said public mobile land network is accomplished by comparing a first routing area identifier (RAI) associated with said public mobile land network and a second routing area identifier (RAI) associated with said wireless local area network.",

as specifically set forth in Claim 1. Furthermore, nowhere does Lundin show or suggest the method step of:

"detecting user movement between a coverage area of said wireless local area network and a coverage area of said public mobile land network by comparing a first routing area identifier (RAI) associated with said public mobile land network and a second routing area identifier (RAI) associated with said wireless local area network.",

as specifically recited in Claim 14.

It is therefore clear that even if the teachings of Lundin were to be combined with the teachings of Katz et al. and Griswold et al., that the patentability of the claimed invention would not be affected.

The Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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